

Survey # WA-III-131
Street Address 4323 Main Street
Town, State Rohrsersville, Maryland 21779
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Approximate date 1888 (date stone)

The Central United Brethren Church carries an inscription on its cornerstone identifying it as having been built in 1888. A three bay wide gable fronted building, it is of brick construction on fieldstone foundations. Except for replacement of the steeple and sandblasting of the walls, the building is intact and is distinguished by extensive decorative corbeling and brackets at the front elevation. The church is four bays deep with corbeled pilasters separating the bays. Windows are tall and narrow with four over four light sash, with the upper sash round arched at the front and segmentally arched at the sides. A pair of round arched ventilator windows is located high in the front gable. The current tower is a modern replacement of the original one which is depicted in historic photographs of the church (**Cracker Barrel**, Dec. 1993, Feb. 1994). The old photographs indicate that the windows originally had pairs of louvered shutters. The main entrance is in the center bay of the front elevation and includes a round arched fanlight with wedge shaped panes. A concrete block one story addition is attached to the rear of the building. To the rear of the property is a non-contributing modern picnic pavilion. This is one of two Brethren churches in Rohrsersville, and one of three German churches, the other being Lutheran. These reflect the German heritage of the community.

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

- I. Geographic Organization: Western Maryland
- II. Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930
- III. Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning
- IV. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): church

Photo Reference: Photo # 8

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